

Shaping Education



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Canterbury Regional News

Kia ora

It will be an action packed New Zealand Cup and Show Week in Canterbury and more importantly it will be busy for students preparing for exams. I wish all your senior students all the very best with these.

In this newsletter there is some important information about the understanding of and readiness for modern teaching and learning practice. We have secured additional funding for support and professional development for schools to reach a desired point of readiness for modern teaching and learning practice, we are referring to this as 'Transforming Practice'.

Principals are invited to attend a presentation on Inclusive Practice Tools. You will find more information on these presentations in this newsletter and we encourage you to support these.

Congratulations to Christ's College who won the supreme prize at this year's Canterbury Heritage Awards. The city's heritage has suffered a terrible blow with many of the region's historic buildings severely damaged and in some cases completely destroyed so it is great to be able to celebrate the repair and restoration of this grand building.

Finally there is a media release from CERA about the new documentary series Hi-Viz. The documentary features children interviewing recovery experts and community leaders on recovery issues as well as exploring the central city and the suburbs.

We would appreciate if you could print this newsletter and place it in your staff room and, as always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us; we are always happy to hear from you.

Ma te wa

Coralanne Child
Director of Education for Canterbury

If you have any questions about the greater Christchurch Education Renewal Programme, please email us: shaping.education@minedu.govt.nz





Canterbury Heritage Awards

Congratulations to Christ's College who won the supreme prize at this year's Canterbury Heritage Awards.

The Vero Canterbury Heritage Awards recognise excellence in heritage retention and conservation, heritage tourism and heritage education within the public and private sector and promote the values of best practice heritage retention and conservation to the wider community.

The Awards recognise the achievement of heritage conservation, categories include: Heritage Retention, Heritage Restoration, Heritage Tourism, Heritage Champion, Future Heritage, and Seismic.



AWARDS

Supreme Award

Christ College's Harper and Julius Houses

Heritage Restoration Award

Orion Powerhouse Gallery and Christ's College's Harper and Julius Houses

Transforming Practice

The Ministry is aware that there are degrees of variation in understanding of and readiness for modern teaching and learning practice.

Some schools are enthusiastic, well informed and ready to enter the visioning for design phase of the building programme with an understanding of future focused teaching and learning that will be supported and complemented in their new environments.

Other schools are not in this position and will require support and professional development to reach a point of readiness that will enable them to participate fully in the visioning for design process.

The Ministry will shortly release a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a consortium to develop and deliver a variety of support and enablement activities to assist schools in transforming teaching and learning practice in greater Christchurch.

For more information on this funding that will be available to schools involved in the Christchurch Schools Rebuild Programme please contact:

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Inclusive Practice Presentations

Principals are invited to attend a presentation on Inclusive Practice Tools. The Inclusive Practice tools are produced for schools by NZCER which specifically focus attention on the group of priority learners with special education needs.

The tool guides schools through a series of steps and gives access to a series of consultation surveys which then generate summary reports to contribute to self review. The tools support strategic and annual planning.

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| Aranui Primary School | Wednesday, 19 November | 10:00 – 11:30 am |
| Elmwood Normal School Music Room Aikmans Road Merivale | Thursday, 20 November | 09:45 – 11:15 |
| St Martins School Learning Room A Albert Terrace St Martins | Friday, 21 November | 10:00 – 11:30 am |
| Avonhead Primary School Multi-purpose Room 55 Avonhead Road | Monday, 24 November | 09:30 – 11:00 am |
| Mid Canterbury Principals Association St John's Centre, Ashburton | Thursday, 27 November | 13:00 |

RSVP Lynne.York@minedu.govt.nz up until the day before each presentation



Media Release – 31 October 2014 - Children ask the hard questions

Children are asking the hard questions about the greater Christchurch recovery in the new documentary series Hi-Viz.

The trailer for the new six-part series has been released online today and the series launches on 17 November. It features ten children interviewing recovery experts and community leaders on recovery issues as well as exploring the central city and the suburbs.

Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority Chief Executive Roger Sutton says the documentaries have been produced to communicate the positive stories emerging as part of the Christchurch rebuild and to inform the children of Canterbury about various aspects of the rebuild.

“Christchurch is a really interesting place right now and it’s a great place to be a kid. Everywhere you look amazing things are happening,” said Mr Sutton.

“We need to talk to the kids about what we’re doing and show them what’s happening in their own backyard. One of the reasons we are rebuilding this city is for future generations and this series shows them all the cool things going on underground and above the ground, in our neighbourhoods and in the central city.”

Mr Sutton says that the series, which costs \$70,000 to produce, will be distributed to schools and teachers as well as being available online to view.

“It’s important that we make sure our young people are informed and excited about the rebuild. For example, the first episode of Hi-Viz explores why we have earthquakes in Christchurch and how the city is building back better, stronger and safer.”

The first five parts of the series will be loaded to the website at www.futurechristchurch.co.nz/hi-viz. CTV will also be screening the episodes from November 17th. The sixth episode, which is still in production, will be released at the end of the month.

For further information contact the CERA Media Team on (03) 354 2627 or media@cera.govt.nz



Lily Crowley investigates what Christchurch’s creative thinkers are up to.



Wai-Takaoha Kamariera and Mei Rewai-Couch explore what’s happening at the Avon River.



Jackson Holdaway finds out what our new central city will look like.